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IMPORTANT DATES

May 30-31 WPX CW Contest
June 6-7 PVRC On-The-Air Reunion
June 22 PVRC Summer Meeting @QTH of W3FA
July 11-12 IARU Radiosport Contest
July 20 PVRC Meeting @ QTH of WD4AXM
Aug 8 2nd Annual PVRC Fowl-Fest

Summer Meetings

During the summer months, we only have one meeting each month, usually at the home of one of our members. Two of these are already planned, and the third will be the second annual Fowl-Fest. Watch for the full scoop on this one in July.

Directions to W3FA - Take Rt 50 east from I495 to Md Rt 424 south (Davidsonville Rd). Follow Rt 424 to the first traffic light (Central Ave). Turn left at the light, go 1/10 mile to W3FA, on the left. Don't worry, you'll see lots of antennas.

Directions to WD4AXM - Take I495 to Rte 123 South (same exit, opposite direction as Va meeting). Follow signs to Vienna, approx 2 miles. At 6th traffic light from Beltway, turn right on Beulah Rd (Sunoco & Exxon stations on corner). Follow Beulah Rd 1.2 miles to 1871, on right, just as the road narrows. PLEASE BRING CHAIRS!

Meetings start at 8:00PM (0000Z), but come early for the socializing and tall tales beforehand.

ON-THE-AIR REUNION

Next month is the PVRC reunion, and this year's promises to be better than ever. Thanks to the efforts of Vic, W4KFC, and especially Larry, W3GN, we have located many more of our old members. We hope to hear all of you on the air.

This year there are two significant changes in the reunion. The morning slot has been moved back to Saturday, to eliminate the Hamfest conflicts, and the exchange has been changed to include your old call. Any comments (as usual) should come in with your reunion entry.

Thanks to Andy, W3XE, for handling last year's event. I hope this year's gets done as well as the last.

PVRC Volume Purchasing

Eric, K3NA, is about to place an order for a large quantity of #14 Copperweld wire. If you want any, send a check for \$25 for 500 ft, or \$50 for 1000ft to Eric by 15 June.

Bob, N3RL, is shopping for volume pricing on a large amount of antenna stuff, including Rohn tower & hardware, Hy-Gain antennae, guy grips, etc. If you are in the market for similar things, it might pay to give Bob a call before 1 June.

Secretary's Stuff

Welcome aboard the PVRC to our newest members, Larry, K7SV and Fred, W3ICM.

Since this mailing is going to all our active and inactive members, I'd like to once again ask for help in keeping the roster up-to-date. If you get this forwarded by the Post Office, please let me know your new mailing address. Also, check the check sheet over. If you want any changes in your listing, or know of other changes needed, let me know.

If anyone wants one, a full roster of all PVRCers (active and inactive) is available from the secretary for \$1 (to cover postage).

73 George N3GB

We now turn it over to Andy for the full reunion story.

W3XE de N3GB

Tom Gabbert, K3TG, DC: says "For some reason I have been deleted from the PVRC membership list. I hope you can correct this soon." Done.

Ellery Estes, W1AY, Mass: says "Enjoyed what little I could operate this year." 14 QSOs 4 mult, 112 total.

Jeff Hartley, N8II, WVa: says "It seems like Fred HS1ABD, always makes it through to stateside even when condx are poor. I was surprised to hear him on 20 at 2230Z, nice signal." 109 QSOs 19 Multipliers, for a total of 4142. Ed Note: Jeff, there are 5 bands in this reunion.

Henry Herman, W3UJ, Md: says "This contest was fun. Lets do it again". 181 QSOs 23 multipliers for a total of 8326.

Fred Laun, HS1ABD: No flak just 31 QSOs, 11 mult for 682.

Bill McKinsey, WB3DNL, Md: says "Enjoyed first PVRC reunion. See you all next year as 75." 72 QSO 15 mult for a total of 2250. GOT YA!

Roger Cooper, N3RC, Va: "Enjoyed brief time again with QRP in the apt. 8 QSO, 4 mult for total of 64.

Dave Hallock, W0SS, Ia: says "NTS chores and a smoky mountain vacation trip made it short but sweet." 24 QSO, 8 mult for a total of 384. Thanks for the donation.

Phil Battey, W3FZV, Md: 82 QSO 16 mult for total of 1312

Butch Barber, K5GB, Tx: says "Enjoyed the reunion very much. hope to be able to spend more time next year." 16 QSO 11 mult for 352.

Roger Barron, W4EI, Va: says "Great to hear so many old friends" 172 QSO 22 mult for 7568. 5 clean sweeps.

Gene Hubbell, W7DI, Ariz: says "Had a good time though I put in much less than the 14 hours available. Didn't hear as many fellows as I usually do." 132 QSOs 19 mult for a total of 5016.

Karl Medrow, W3FA, Md: says "Always good to contact old friends. W0NUH wins the award for "Most Persistent". 140 QSO 19 Mult for score of 5320. 3 clean sweeps.

Carl Bethel, K4OD, Va: 66 QSOs 14 multipliers for 1848.

John Pembroke, W0NUH, Minn: says "Hope Minn was easier to work this year. Using TS820, SB220, 5el 20 at 70ft, 10&15 at 60ft with dipoles on 80&40. Please extend an open invitation to all members to visit if their travels take them to Minn." 126 QSOs 16 multipliers for 4032.

Jack Fisher, W1CLF, Mass: says "Had to fish thru the QRM to find the gang. Had a great time after that." 15 QSOs on 14MHz CW.

Ken Seddon, VK3ACS: says "Missed the PVRC reunion because surface mail travels too slow." He'll be visiting us in Summer of 81 and expects to make one of the meetings. Ed Note: I'll be out of town so he can't catch me for the slow mail.

Ren Collins, W4BMX, Fla: says "Enjoyed the reunion as usual. Always great to hear the old timers and a real pleasure to hear the new members doing a great job and meeting them for the first time." 72 QSOs 14 mult for 2016.

Len Chertok, W3GRF, Md: 103 QSOs 19 mult for total of 3914.

If you notice we didn't list any winners or also rans. Just comments and scores for I felt that everyone who participated in the reunion won. In review of the comments I have noted that many operators have said, "Didn't have much time this year but will spend more next year." For several of our friends 1980 was the last year so don't be too busy to join the reunion this year and talk to your old friends.

1981 Potomac Valley Radio Club On-The-Air Reunion

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The 18th annual PVRC Reunion is to be held the weekend of June 6-7, 1981. It is an "on-the-air" gathering for all PVRC members, past and present. Regardless of your whereabouts on June 6, please find a way via amateur radio to contact PVRC members. If this day finds you away from your home location, find a way to get on and provide a thrill for the rest of us.

Eligibility - Past and Present PVRC members.

Date and Time - Three periods: 1300-1700Z, 6 June (Sat Morn, EDT)
0000-0600Z, 7 June
2000-2400Z, 7 June (14 Hrs total)

Frequencies - 3547, 7047, 14047, 21047, 14247 kHz.

Scoring - Only completed 2-way contacts count and are worth 2 points. Stations may be worked once on each rallying frequency.

Multiplier is the sum of STATES (plus DC), VE PROVINCES, and DXCC COUNTRIES worked. The US and Canada do not count as countries. Hawaii and Alaska may be counted as either states or countries, but not both. The District of Columbia counts as a multiplier. Multipliers count only once, NOT band-by-band.

FINAL SCORE is QSO points times state-province-country multiplier.

Exchange Serial number, your call, RST, state/province/country, your call when you joined PVRC, and the last two digits of your first year in PVRC.

Example - NR 1 W3XE 599 MD K3JYZ 60

Reunion Call - CQ PVRC

Following the reunion and not later than 1981 Aug 01, please forward a copy of your check/summary sheet (enclosed) and your comments to: George Baltz, N3GB, 7 Pinebrook Ct, Silver Spring, Md, 20904.

1980 RESULTS

Well, Henry, here are the results of the 1980 reunion. I was reminded many times that the rallying frequencies were left off the contest notice. That problem has been directed to the "Committee on Contest Oversight" and if inadvertently something of that nature is left out this year, please refer it to the same committee for their action. The names of the members and their addresses (!!) because of the nature of their work may not be inscribed on paper. TOP SECRET you know - one step above clearance to read Batman comic books.

Now for the good stuff:

Dick Knox, AJ2E, Fla: says he hopes to have more time to spend in the reunion this year. 76 QSOs, 13 mult, 988 total score.

Larry Fadner, W3GN, Md: 178 QSOs, 21 Mult, 7476 total.

Jules Wenglar, W6YO, Cal: says "Missed the 21mc Freqs. 3 time segments FB." 21 QSOs, 10 mult, 420 total.

Don McClenon, N4IN, Fla: says "Activity has dropped off from 1976 when I made 239 QSOs with 101 different members and a 29 multiplier. Doubt if the time decrease makes that much difference. Was advised to go long path for HS1ABD, but thought him out of the question with my tree-supported wires. A real thrill to get him on 15 as he was fading out and have him call me on 20 a few hours later." 182 QSOs, 22 mult for a total of 8008. Ed Note: Don worked 73 members with 8 sweeps (you have to work em on all 5 bands). Don also gets my vote for best looking log.

Dave Lien, W60VP, Cal: requests info as to year he joined club 59 or 60? Submitted check log.

Bill Schuchman, W7YS, Ariz: Suggests instead of years on the exchange we use the call we had when we joined PVRC and year of joining. He also says he enjoyed meeting old friends. 63 QSO, 12 mult, 1512 total.

Jim Johanson, K2SCU/S, Tx: "Really enjoyed this year's reunion. Wish I had more time to spend, but it was great working some 'old' friends." 45 QSO, 14 mult for a total of 1260.

Vic Smith, K4CAX, Va: says "Please change my name to Vic from Kay". Done. 55 QSO, 11 mult, 1210 total.

Bill Grenfell, W4GF, Va: says "TI2AD now silent key". 26 QSO, 7 mult, 364 total.

Vic Clark, W4KFC, Va, writes a very nice letter and gave me several addresses which we had lost. The "Lil Green Box" (Vic's answer to the computer world) has strayed from its home on Popes Head Road. Will someone send it home to Vic as he has promised to keep track of the PVRC alumni. 179 QSOs, 19 mult for a total of 6902. 8 clean sweeps and 73 different PVRCers. Please note Vic, W3XE was on from NMex for a few contacts on 20 phone then the mosquitos drove me inside.

Joe Johnson, W2DW, NY: says "Great fun. Too bad not more stations on. Bands weird - worked Md & Va on 21 & 14 MHz. Maybe new Omni helped. Last few contacts were very painful not due to strong signals but kidney stone attack." 85 QSOs 20 multiplier for a total of 3400. Worked 48 different stations - never heard anyone on phone.

Jerry Scarano, W1ZM, Conn: says "Was fun playing musical chairs - jumping from rig to rig. Darn keyers were all different, giving me a fit. Just about lost my good hearing - to be sure on phone. PS. 66 years old so can't make out those old phone stations anymore." Ed Note: Just a kid what's he gonna do when he gets OLD? 197 QSOs 23 multipliers for a total of 9062.

Em Mehrling, W4NH, Va: "was a Sat nite victim of no frequency in announcement - made 2 contacts 80 up from the end. 26 QSO, 9 mult, 468 total.

Ed Lynch, W5EQD, Tx: says "It was nice to get back in the reunion as I was temporarily off the air in 1979 (you didn't miss a reunion) Band condx were very poor here in Texas." 40 QSOs 11 mult 880 total. Thanks for the check, Ed.

Howard Millbourn, W4WBC, Fla: says "Enjoyed the new time off arrangement - This made it possible to go for a swim. Lots of new calls that I didn't recognize." 106 QSOs 16 mult, total of 3392.

Chas Weir Sr, W6UA, Cal: says "I note Roger W4PNK not on the roster (He is now - that's what you get for running off to Calif and leaving us kids to run the show)." We will clear up Vic's problem. From now on out you are the "good looking one" and Chas Jr (W6UM) will be the "young one". 85 QSOs 19 mult 3230 total.

Norm Jeweler, K3LYW, Md: says "Next time put the frequencies on the cover letter." 27 QSOs, 13 multiplier, 702 total.

Ray Soifer, W2RS, NJ: says "great to have the reunion back after last year's absence. W2KI in SNJ gave me NJ for the first time ever." 109 QSOs, 20 mult for a score of 4360. 1 clean sweep - Thanks for the check.

Hugh Turnbull, W3ABC, Md: 84 QSOs 18 Multipliers, 3024 total score. Hugh does his talking at ARRL headquarters for us.